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# U.S. MEAT ANIMAL RESEARCH CENTER GERM PLASM EVALUATION PROGRAM<sup>1</sup> PROGRESS REPORT

The cattle germ plasm evaluation program at the U.S. Meat Animal Research Center is designed to characterize breeds representing different biological types in the full spectrum of economic traits relating to growth, feed efficiency, reproduction, maternal ability and carcass and meat traits. The basic objective of this program is to develop an understanding relating to optimizing such biological factors as cow size, milk level, etc., in different feed environments and production situations.

The program was started with the 1969 breeding season. The first cycle (Cycle 1, Phase I) involved breeding by artificial insemination (AI), Hereford, Angus, Jersey, South Devon, Limousin, Simmental and Charolais bulls to Hereford and Angus cows. The three calf-crops for Cycle 1, Phase I of the program were born in March, April and early May of 1970, 1971 and 1972 and were weaned in October or November at approximately 200 days of age. All male calves were fed out as steers and slaughtered to evaluate growth, feed efficiency and carcass and meat traits. All female progeny were retained for evaluation of reproduction and maternal traits (Cycle 1, Phase II). Mating plans are given in the appendix tables on the part of the program for which results are presented in this report.

The second cycle (Cycle 2, Phase I) was started with the 1972 breeding season and will include two calf-crops (1973 and 1974). Brown Swiss and Red Poll female populations were added to the Hereford and Angus cow herds used in Cycle 1, Phase I. The Hereford and Angus females were bred by AI to Hereford, Angus, Brown Swiss, Red Poll, Maine Anjou, Gelbvieh and Chianina bulls and the Red Poll and Brown Swiss females were bred to Hereford, Angus, Red Poll and Brown Swiss bulls. Information obtained on the second cycle of breeds will be similar to that obtained on the first cycle.

This report provides a summary from the three calf-crops produced in Cycle 1, Phase I on calving difficulty and preweaning growth on all calves; postweaning growth, feed efficiency and carcass and meat traits on steers; and postweaning growth, puberty and conception as yearlings on the heifers. Calving and rebreeding information is included on the 2-year-old cows that were born in the 1970 and 1971 calf-crops of Cycle 1, Phase I (designated Cycle 1, Phase II) and on the 3-year-old cows born in the 1970 calf-crop of Cycle 1, Phase I (designated Cycle 1, Phase II). Data are included on Cycle 2, Phase I on calving difficulty and preweaning growth for the 1973 calf-crop.

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#### CYCLE 1, PHASE I

Cows. The foundation Hereford and Angus cows used in the program were purchased as calves at weaning from commercial producers in Nebraska. The cows were 2-, 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds at calving in 1970; 2-, 3-, 4-, 5- and 6-year-olds at calving in 1971; and 3-, 4-, 5-, 6- and 7-year-olds at calving in 1972.

Sires. There were 32 Hereford, 35 Angus, 33 Jersey, 28 South Devon, 20 Limousin, 28 Simmental, and 26 Charolais bulls used during the 1969, 1970 and 1971 breeding seasons. The Hereford and Angus bulls used in this program were sampled from bulls which had been selected on individual performance information as a basis for gaining entry into the progeny testing program of artificial insemination organizations. These same Hereford and Angus sires are used as controls in all cycles and phases of the Germ Plasm Evaluation Program so that comparisons among sire breeds can be made across all cycles and phases by comparing deviations from the Angus-Hereford and Hereford-Angus crossbred controls. The Jersey bulls were selected at random from two commercial AI organizations and the South Devon bulls were sampled from an importation made in 1969 by a commercial organization. Simmental, Limousin and Charolais bulls were sampled from bulls available from commercial organizations and from the Canada Department of Agriculture for the Simmental and Limousin.

It is not planned to make general releases of information on individual sires, because erroneous conclusions may be drawn from the ranking of individual sires with the relatively small number of progeny per sire in this program. The objective of the program is to characterize breeds representing different biological types. To do this effectively, it is necessary to sample a large number of sires of each breed. Thus, the number of progeny per sire is generally low. A relatively large number of progeny per sire are required for a high level of accuracy in ranking individual sires on their breeding value for most economic traits.

For a cooperative study with the Canada Department of Agriculture, Hereford x Angus, Jersey x Angus, Simmental x Angus, and Charolais x Angus heifers were randomly selected at weaning time and shipped, 4 to 8 weeks after weaning, to the Research Station, Lethbridge, Alberta. There were 12 heifers per breed group in 1970 and 10 heifers per breed group in 1971 and 1972. These females and their offspring are being individually fed to evaluate efficiency of production.

<u>Calving Difficulty</u>. Data were obtained on 2,563 calvings. Calving difficulty scores were assigned to each calf at birth on the basis of the following scoring system:

#### Score

#### Description

1 No difficulty

 Calves unassisted; however, it may be necessary to straighten head and/or front legs.

- Little difficulty Assistance given by hand, but no jack or puller used; assistance actually may not have been required.
   Moderate difficulty Assistance given with jack or calf-puller; some difficulty was encountered even with the pullers being used.
   Major difficulty Calf jack used and major difficulty encountered; usually 30 minutes or more required to deliver calf.
   Caesarean birth Performed after it was determined calf could not be delivered with a calf-puller.
- 6 Posterior presentation Assistance given.

Table 1 provides a summary of calving difficulty for cows calving at 2 years of age and table 2 a summary for cows calving at 3 to 7 years of age. For these summaries (tables 1 and 2) scores of 1 and 2 were combined and are designated no difficulty and scores of 3 and 4 were combined and are designated calf-puller. No 2-year-old females produced calves in this program in 1972.

Preweaning Growth. Preweaning growth information for the 1970-71-72 calf-crops are summarized in table 3. This summary includes data on 2,264 calves. These data were analyzed by least-squares procedures for unequal subclass numbers using a model that included the effects of year, calf sex, age of dam, breed of sire, breed of dam, breed-of-sire by breed-of-dam interaction, with calf birth date as a covariate. The data were adjusted to a steer basis and to a 5-6-7-year-old cow basis. Adjustment factors were developed from the combined data and were as follows:

	Birth Wt.	Preweaning A.D.G.	200-Day Wt.
Heifer calf adj.	+5.4	+0.103	+26
Steer calf adj.	0	0	0
2-year-old dam	+8.0	+0.396	+87
3-year-old dam	+6.3	+0.191	+44
4-year-old dam	+2.5	+0.066	+16
5-6-7-year-old dam	0	0	0

Calves were creep fed a ration of whole oats from about mid-July until weaning. Creep feed consumption averaged 286 lb./calf in 1970, 308 lb./calf in 1971, and 304 lb./calf in 1972.

Postweaning Growth and Feed Efficiency. Postweaning growth and feed efficiency data were obtained on 1,123 steers from the 1970-71-72 calf-crops. Rations for each of the three years are presented in table 4. Summaries of average daily gain, adjusted final weight, and feed efficiency are presented in table 5. Approximately one-third of the steers were slaughtered at each of three slaughter dates as described in the carcass and meat section.

At weaning, steer calves with adjusted weaning weights more than three standard deviations below the mean for their breeding group were removed from the program. The remaining steers were placed in the feedlot by breed of sire groups (replicated, two lots per breed of sire) to obtain data on growth rate and feed efficiency. In 1970, steers sired by Simmental and Charolais sires were further divided into lots by breed of dam and replicated during the postweaning feeding period.

The postweaning average daily gains are based on actual weaning weights (no weaning shrink) and final weights at slaughter. Final weights at slaughter were obtained as the average of two weights (on feed and water) taken on different days to reduce errors due to differences in fill. Adjusted final weights were obtained by adding the sum of postweaning average daily gain x days on feed, to weaning weight adjusted to 200 days of age, and then adjusted for year and to a 5-6-7-year-old dam basis. Average daily gains and adjusted final weights for the three slaughter groups are only for the steers slaughtered in that group. Feed efficiency for each breed group was obtained by dividing the cumulative average daily TDN consumption per steer by the average daily gain of the steers remaining on feed up to each of the three slaughter dates. Metabolizable energy (Mcal.) was obtained by multiplying pounds TDN by 1.64.

The data were analyzed by least-squares procedures for unequal subclass numbers using a model that included the effects of year, age of dam, breed of sire, breed of dam, slaughter group, the interactions of breed-of-sire by breed-of-dam, breed-of-sire by slaughter group, breed-of-dam by slaughter group, and breed-of-sire by breed-of-dam by slaughter group.

Carcass and Meat. Carcass and meat data from the 1,123 steers are presented in tables 6 to 9. Approximately one-third of the steers in each breed-of-sire by breed-of-dam group were slaughtered at each of three slaughter dates, which were 215, 243 and 271 days on feed after weaning for the 1970 calf-crop; 200, 242 and 284 days on feed after weaning for the 1971 calf-crop; and 220, 255 and 283 days on feed after weaning for the 1973 calf-crop. The steers slaughtered at each of the three times had approximately the same average birth date, resulting in an average difference in age of steers for the three years of 35 days between slaughter groups 1 and 2 and of 32 days between slaughter groups 2 and 3.

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Steers were transported to a commercial slaughter plant approximately 12 hours prior to slaughter. Carcass data were obtained after a 24-hour chill. Carcasses were evaluated for conformation, maturity, marbling, color, texture and firmness and U.S.D.A. Quality Grade by representatives of the U.S. Meat Animal Research Center; Standardization Branch, A.M.S., U.S.D.A.; and Kansas State University. Loin eye area and external fat thickness were measured and U.S.D.A. Yield Grade determined. These results are presented in tables 6 and 7. In addition, selected linear carcass measurements and measures of other traits were obtained, but are not included in this report.

After obtaining cooler carcass data, the right side of each carcass was transported from the commercial slaughter plant to Kansas State University for detailed cut-out and meat quality evaluation. The right side was separated into wholesale cuts, and the wholesale cuts were processed into closely trimmed, boneless, cuts, except dorsal and transverse spinous processes were left in short loin cuts and dorsal spinous processes and rib bones were left in rib cuts. No more than 0.30 inch of fat was left on any surface. The amounts of retail product, fat trim and bone were determined for each wholesale cut. These results are presented on a percentage of carcass weight basis in table 8.

One steak was removed at the 11th rib from each carcass for Warner-Bratzler shear determination. The steaks were cooked at  $350^{\circ}F$  to an internal temperature of  $150^{\circ}F$ . After cooling for approximately 30 minutes at room temperature, one-half inch cores were removed for shear determination. Steaks were removed at the 10th rib from four representative carcasses per breed group per slaughter date, cooked at  $350^{\circ}F$  to an internal temperature of  $160^{\circ}F$ , and subjected to taste panel evaluation for tenderness, flavor, juiciness and overall acceptability by trained taste panelists. These results are presented in table 9.

The following additional carcass information was obtained on the 1971 calf-crop, but is not included in this report. The 9-10-11th ribs were removed from the left side of each carcass for chemical analyses. Total chemical composition (water, nitrogen and fat) was determined on the left side of the carcass from three representative steers of the Hereford x Angus, Simmental x Angus, and Limousin x Angus breed groups per slaughter group (a total of 27 carcass sides, 9 per breed group).

The data for the carcass and meat traits were analyzed by least-squares procedures for unequal subclass numbers using a model that included the effects of year, age of dam, breed of sire, breed of dam, slaughter group, the interactions of breed-of-sire by breed-of-dam, breed-of-sire by slaughter group, breed-of-dam by slaughter group, and breed-of-sire by breed-of-dam by slaughter group. Thus, the least-squares means for the carcass and meat traits are adjusted for year and to a mature age-of-dam basis.

#### CYCLE 1, PHASE II

Postweaning Growth, Puberty and Conception. Postweaning growth, age at puberty and conception of yearling heifers produced in the 1970-71-72 calf-crops are presented in table 10. The heifers were maintained in the feedlot from weaning (November in 1970, October in 1971 and 1972) through the AI breeding period (early July). The postweaning ration was 50% corn silage and 50% grass silage fed ad libitum, or a grass silage and concentrate mixture to provide an equivalent energy intake.

Date of puberty, defined as date of the first observed standing estrus, was determined by checking animals for estrus twice daily. Weights were taken every 28 days from weaning to the breeding period and again at the termination of the breeding period. Heifers were inseminated only after they were observed in standing estrus. Following a 45- or 46-day AI breeding period, the heifers were placed on pasture for a 21-24-day natural service (cleanup) breeding period. Estrus was determined from weaning to an average of approximately 15 months of age (end of AI) for the 1970 calfcrop and to an average of approximately 16 months of age (end of AI plus cleanup) for the 1971-72 calf-crops.

Calving and Rebreeding of 2- and 3-Year-Olds. Data on calving and rebreeding as 2-year-olds are complete on the heifers born in Cycle 1, Phase II in 1970 and 1971. Data on calving difficulty and rebreeding as 3-year-olds are complete on the heifers born in Cycle 1, Phase I in 1970. Calving difficulty data for the 2-year-olds are presented in table 11 and other reproduction data are presented in table 12. Yearling heifers were bred by AI to calve as 2-year-olds to Hereford, Angus, Brahman, Devon and Holstein bulls and to Hereford and Angus bulls during the cleanup period in 1971. The heifers born in 1972 (Cycle 1, Phase I) were also bred as yearlings to these same breeds of sires. Thus, the data presented in tables 11 and 12 are for only two of three years that will be obtained and have not been subjected to a complete statistical analyses.

Because the number of calves in each breed of sire group were disproportionate among the cow breed groups and, because there was a small number of calves in some of the breed-of-sire by breed-of-cow subgroups, weaning weights of the calves for both the 2- and 3-year-olds are not presented. After data for the three calf-crops are obtained, these data will be analyzed and the results published.

After calving as 2-year-olds, the cows born in 1970 (Cycle 1, Phase II) were bred by AI to Hereford, Angus, Gelbvieh, Maine Anjou and Chianina bulls and during the cleanup period to Hereford and Angus bulls. Calving difficulty data for this first group of 3-year-olds are presented in table 13 and other reproduction data are presented in table 14.

### CYCLE 2, PHASE I

Cows. The foundation Hereford and Angus cows used in Cycle 1, Phase I were continued in Cycle 2, Phase I of the program. These cows calved in 1973 at 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 years of age. As previously indicated, mature Brown Swiss and Red Poll cows were added to these herds for the 1972 breeding season.

Sires. There were 14 Hereford, 16 Angus, 16 Red Poll, 6 Brown Swiss, 4 Gelbvieh, 10 Maine Anjou and 10 Chianina bulls used during the 1972 breeding season. The Hereford and Angus sires had also been used in Cycle 1, Phase I of the program and the other bulls were sampled from commercial organizations. The Brown Swiss sires included the four available imported bulls and two domestic bulls.

Calving Difficulty. For convenience of comparison, the data are presented separately for the seven sire breeds with Hereford and Angus dams (table 15) and for the Hereford, Angus, Red Poll and Brown Swiss sires with the same four dam breeds (table 16). Calving difficulty data were available on 847 calvings. The same system for scoring calving difficulty was used in this cycle as was used in Cycle 1, Phase I, except in Cycle 2 all abnormal and posterior presentations were grouped together and given a score of 6, while in Cycle 1, Phase I the occasional positioning of a calf was made before the calving difficulty score was assigned and the difficulty score was then based on the amount of difficulty encountered.

Preweaning Growth. These data were grouped for breed group comparisons in the same manner as the calving difficulty data. Preweaning growth data were available on 772 calves. These data were analyzed by least-squares procedures using a model that included calf sex, breed of sire, breed of dam and breed-of-sire by breed-of-dam interaction with calf birth date as a covariate. The data were adjusted to a steer basis with the adjustment calculated from the data. Adjustment factors for heifer calves were +2.2 lb. for birth weight, +0.04l lb. for average daily gain and +10.5 lb. for 200-day weight. Calves were creep fed whole oats from mid-August until weaning. Creep feed consumption was 46 lb./calf.

TABLE 1. U.S. MEAT ANIMAL RESEARCH CENTER GERM PLASM EVALUATION PROGRAM CALVING DIFFICULTY IN 2-YEAR-OLD COWS CYCLE 1, PHASE I - 1970-71 CALF-CROPS

				Type of Par	turition, %		Dead at
Breed of Sire	Breed of Dam	No. Calves	No Calving Difficulty <sup>a</sup>	Calf- Puller	C-Section	Posterior Presentation	or Shortly After Birth %
Hereford Angus	Hereford Angus Average	67 83 150	43.3 62.7 53.0	52.2 36.1 44.2	4.5 1.2 2.9	0:0 0.0 0.0	7.5 8.4 8.0
Angus Hereford	Hereford Angus Average <sup>b</sup>	77 86 163	54.5 61.6 58.1	41.6 37.2 39.4	1.3 1.2 1.3	2.6 0.0 1.3	7.8 3.5 5.7
Jersey	Hereford	61	80.3	19.7	0.0	0.0	1.6
	Angus	76	85.5	13.2	1.3	0.0	5.3
	Average <sup>b</sup>	137	82.9	16.5	0.7	0.0	3.5
South Devon	Hereford	28	53.6	42.9	3.6	0.0	7.1
	Angus	45	35.6	62.2	2.2	0.0	13.3
	Average <sup>b</sup>	73	44.6	52.6	2.9	0.0	10.2
Limousin	Hereford	63	17.5	74.6	6.3	1.6	11.1
	Angus	58	32.8	65.5	1.7	0.0	6.9
	Average <sup>b</sup>	121	25.2	70.1	4.0	0.8	9.0
Simmental	Hereford	27	11.1	63.0	25.9	0.0	14.8
	Angus	37	40.5	51.4	5.4	2.7	10.8
	Average <sup>b</sup>	64	25.8	57.2	15.7	1.4	12.8
Charolais	Hereford	37	21.6	54.1	21.6	2.7	16.2
	Angus	34	23.5	67.6	8.8	0.0	11.8
	Average <sup>b</sup>	71	22.6	60.9	15.2	1.4	14.0
Average	Hereford <sup>b</sup>	360	43.6	48.6	6.7	1.1	8.6
All Sire	Angus <sup>b</sup>	419	54.4	43.0	2.4	0.2	7.6
Breeds	Average <sup>b</sup>	779	49.0	45.8	4.6	0.7	8.1

a No assistance or minor hand assistance. b Unweighted means.

TABLE 2. U.S. MEAT ANIMAL RESEARCH CENTER GERM PLASM EVALUATION PROGRAM CALVING DIFFICULTY IN 3-4-5-6-7-YEAR-OLD COWS CYCLE 1, PHASE I - 1970-71-72 CALF-CROPS

				Type of P	arturition, %		Dead at
Breed of Sire	Breed of Dam	No. Calves	No Calving Difficulty <sup>a</sup>	Calf- Puller	C-Section	Posterior Presentation	or Shortly After Birth, %
Hereford Angus	Hereford Angus Average	100 94 194	95.0 94.7 94.9	3.1 4.3 3.7	0.0 1.1 0.6	4.0 0.0 2.0	4.0 2.1 3.1
Angus Hereford	Hereford Angus Average <sup>b</sup>	112 150 262	91.1 95.3 93.2	1.8 2.7 2.3	0.0 0.0 0.0	7.1 2.0 4.6	0.9 0.0 0.5
Jersey	Hereford	67	98.5	1.5	0.0	0.0	3.0
	Angus	108	99.1	0.0	0.0	0.9	1.9
	Average <sup>b</sup>	175	98.8	0.8	0.0	0.5	2.5
South Devon	Hereford	92	77.2	16.3	1.1	5.4	4.3
	Angus	76	88.2	7.9	0.0	3.9	3.9
	Average <sup>b</sup>	168	82.7	12.1	0.6	4.7	4.1
Limousin	Hereford	140	85.0	11.4	0.0	3.6	5.7
	Angus	127	89.8	6.3	0.0	3.9	2.4
	Average <sup>b</sup>	267	87.4	8.9	0.0	3.8	4.1
Simmental	Hereford	178	80.9	15.2	0.6	3.4	7.9
	Angus	186	84.4	12.4	0.0	3.2	3.8
	Average <sup>b</sup>	364	82.7	13.8	0.3	3.3	5.9
Charolais	Hereford	164	70.7	24.4	0.0	4.9	11.0
	Angus	190	81.1	13.7	0.0	5.3	6.3
	Average <sup>b</sup>	354	75.9	19.1	0.0	5.1	8.7
Average	Hereford <sup>b</sup>	853	83.6	12.0	0.2	4.2	6.0
All Sire	Angus <sup>b</sup>	931	89.3	7.6	0.1	3.0	3.1
Breeds	Average <sup>b</sup>	1784	86.5	9.8	0.2	3.6	4.6

 $<sup>\</sup>overset{\text{a}}{\text{b}}$  No assistance or minor hand assistance. Unweighted means.

TABLE 3. U.S. MEAT ANIMAL RESEARCH CENTER GERM PLASM EVALUATION PROGRAM LEAST SQUARES MEANS OF PREWEANING TRAITS - 1970-71-72 CALF-CROPS

CYCLE 1, PHASE I Birth b 200-Day Preweaning Adjusted 200-Breed Breed No. Birth <u>Calves</u><sup>a</sup> Wt. Ratio<sup>C</sup> Day Wt., 1b.b of Sire of Dam Wt., 1b. ADG, 1b.b Date 132 83.5 1.83 94.7 Hereford Hereford 450 April 1 157 March 27 76.0 1.96 469 Angus Angus 98.7 Average 289 March 29 79.8 1.90 459 96.6 Hereford 179 March 31 82.0 1.91 464 . 97.7 Angus 2.03 Hereford Angus 203 March 28 81.1 487 102.5 382 81.6 1.97 Average 475 100.0 March 30 116 Jersey Hereford March 31 74.8 1.87 449 94.5 167 1.92 Angus March 24 71.1 455 95.8 Average 283 March 28 73.0 1.90 452 95.2 April 2 88.1 98.3 South Devon Hereford 107 1.89 467 Angus 108 March 31 83.3 2.03 490 103.2 215 Average April 1 85.7 1.96 478 100.6 Limousin Hereford 179 April 11 88.4 1.93 473 99.6 -Angus 2.06 174 April 7 84.7 498 104.8 1.99 102.1 Average 353 April 9 86.5 485 Simmental 3 Hereford 182 April 6 93.5 1.99 492 103.6 2.10 202 1 88.6 510 107.4 Angus April Average 384 April 3 91.1 2.05 501 105.5 Charolais Hereford 163 April 4 93.9 2.00 493 103.8 2.13 516 108.6 Angus 195 March 31 90.0 Average 106.3 358 April 2 91.9 2.06 505 April 3 98.9 Hereford 1058 86.3 1.92 470 Average March 31 82.1 2.03 489 102.9 All Sire 1206 Angus 1.98 2264 84.2 479 100.8 Breeds Average April 1

bAdjusted for birth date and to a steer and a mature age of dam basis.

a Includes all steer and heifer calves that were weaned.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup>Ratio computed relative to average of 475 lb. for Angus-Hereford and Hereford-Angus crossbred controls.

TABLE 4. U.S. MEAT ANIMAL RESEARCH CENTER GERM PLASM EVALUATION PROGRAM POSTWEANING STEER FEEDLOT RATIONS CYCLE 1, PHASE I - 1970-71-72 CALF-CROPS

			Ingredients		Ratio	n Analyses,	90% D.M. Ba	asis <sup>a</sup>
Calf-Crop, Year	Period	Corn Silage, %	Concen- trate, %b	Supple- ment, % <sup>C</sup>	C.P., %	D.P., %	TDN, %	Mcal. M.E./1b.
1970	Nov. 17 - Nov. 24	89.0	7.5	3.5	10.6	8.1	64.8	1.06
	Nov. 25 - Jan. 10	77.5	17.5	5.0	11.6	8.9	68.0	1.12
	Jan. 11 - Slau.	60.0	35.0	5.0	10.8	8.6	71.6	1.17
1971	Oct. 25 - Nov. 22	85.0	7.5	7.5	13.4	9.8	64.9	1.06
	Nov. 23 - Dec. 21	75.0	18.5	6.5	12.6	9.1	68.2	1.12
	Dec. 22 - Feb. 15	60.0	32.0	8.0	13.1	9.5	70.0	1.15
	Feb. 15 - Slau.	60.0	33.0	7.0	12.6	9.1	71.0	1.16
1972	Oct. 25 - Nov. 21	85.0	8.0	7.0	12.9	9.5	65.2	1.07
	Nov. 22 - Jan. 11	80.0	13.0	7.0	12.8	9.5	66.7	1.09
	Jan. 12 - Mar. 8	75.0	18.0	7.0	12.8	9.5	68.0	1.12
36	Mar. 8 - Slau.	60.0	33.0	7.0	12.6	9.5	71.2	1.17

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Estimated composition based on N.R.C. values for the 1970 calf-crop and proximate analysis for the 1971 and 1972 calf-crops.

b The concentrate included varying amounts of ground shelled corn, ground sorghum grain, and ground wheat. Supplement contained 38% crude protein. Urea was used in the supplement for the 1972 calf-crop.

TABLE 5. U.S. MEAT ANIMAL RESEARCH CENTER GERM PLASM EVALUATION PROGRAM LEAST SQUARES MEANS FOR POSTWEANING AVERAGE DAILY GAINS, ADJUSTED FINAL WEIGHTS AND FEED EFFICIENCY

CYCLE 1. PHASE I - 1970-71-72 CALE-CROPS

Durand	Dunad		No. Steers <sup>a</sup>		Po	stwe	aning						Weight <sup>C</sup>		eed Eff DN and	iciency Mcal ME	) <sup>d</sup>	
Breed of Sire	Breed of Dam	212	247	279	Total	212	247	279	Avg.	212	247	279	Avg.	Ratioe	212	247	279	Avg.
Hereford Angus	Hereford Angus Average	23 28 51	24 28 52	22 29 51	69 85 154	2.35	2.26	2.15	2.33 2.25 2.29	952	1030	1057	1017 1013 1015	97.6 97.2 97.4	6.17	6.74	6.97	6.63 (10.87)
Angus Hereford	Hereford Angus Average	31 39 70	34 37 71	32 38 70	97 114 211	2.35	2.30	2.24	2.39 2.29 2.34	960	1048	1096	1049 1035 1042	100.7 99.3 100.0	6.34	6.81	7.09	6.75 (11.07)
Jersey	Hereford Angus Average	17 27 44	18 27 45	18 27 45	53 81 134		2.13	2.05	2.24 2.13 2.18	938 929 934	979	1068 1030 1049	979	95.4 93.9 94.6	6.64	7.21	7.37	7.07 (11.59)
South Devon	Hereford Angus Average	14 16 30	16 17 33	14 17 31	44 50 94	2.51 2.55 2.53	2.50	2.29	2.45	1013	1091	1129	1057 1078 1068	101.4 103.5 102.5	6.30	6.83	7.06	6.73 (11.04)
Limousin	Hereford Angus Average	28 30 59	28 30 58	29 29 58	86 89 175	2.36 2.29 2.32	2.35	2.25	2.30	987	1082	1121	1052 1063 1058	101.0 102.0 101.5	6.19	6.56	6.93	6.56 (10. <b>7</b> 6)
Simmental	Hereford Angus Average	27 30 57	29 32 61	26 33 59	82 95 177	2.70 2.43 2.57	2.45	2.48	2.46	1023	1111	1201	1132 1112 1122	108.6 106.7 107.7	6.23	6.69	6.91	6.61 (10.84)
Charolais	Hereford Angus Average	25 32 57	27 34 61	26 34 60	78 100 178	2.81 2.57 2.69	2.47	2.47	2.50		1113	1206		108.5 108.2 108.3	6.31	6.74	6.80	6.62 (10.86)
Average All Sire Breeds	Hereford Angus Average	166 202 368	176 205 381	167 207 374	509 614 1123	2.52 2.39 2.46	2.35	2.28	2.34	990		1120	1061 1058 1060	101.8 101.5 101.7	6.31	6.80 (11.1 <b>5</b> )	7.02	6.71

Number of steers slaughtered for the 3 years after an average of 212, 247 and 279 days on feed.

ADG = (actual final wt. - actual weaning wt.) ÷ days on feed, adjusted for year and to a mature age of dam basis.

Ratio computed relative to the average of 1042 lb. for Angus-Hereford and Hereford-Angus crossbred controls.

Adj. Final Wt. = 200-day wt. + (postwn. A.D.G. x days on feed postwn.), adj. for year and to a mature age of dam basis.

Metabolizable Energy (M.E.) values are shown in parentheses. TDN Efficiency = 1b. TDN consumed per 1b. gain. Mcal M.E. = 1b.  $TDN \times 1.64$ .

TABLE 6. U.S. MEAT ANIMAL RESEARCH CENTER GERM PLASM EVALUATION PROGRAM LEAST SQUARES MEANS FOR HOT CARCASS WEIGHT, DRESSING PERCENT, U.S.D.A. QUALITY GRADE AND MARBLING SCORE CYCLE 1, PHASE I - 1970-71-72 CALF-CROPS

D	Discord	Hot	Carca	ss Wt	., 1b.	Dre	essing	Percer	nt	U.S.D	.A. Qu	ality	Gradeb	Ma	rbling	Score	c
Breed of Sire	Breed of Dam	212	247	279	Avg.	212	247	279	Avg.	212	247	279	Avg.	212	247	279	Avg.
Hereford Angus	Hereford Angus Average	593 603 598	630 661 646	676 673 675	633 646 639	60.1 60.8 60.4	60.8 61.8 61.3	60.7 61.9 61.3	60.5 61.5 61.0	11.0 12.2 11.6	11.0 12.5 11.7	11.6 12.7 12.2	11.2 12.5 11.8	9.5 12.5 11.0	9.6 12.7 11.1	11.0 14.5 12.7	10.0 13.2 11.6
Angus Hereford	Hereford Angus Average	598 607 602	664 668 666	711 706 709	657 661 659	60.1 60.6 60.4	61.3 61.5 61.4	61.9 62.0 61.9	61.1 61.4 61.2	11.7 11.6 11.6	12.0 11.8 11.9	12.3 11.8 12.0	12.0 11.7 11.9	11.0 11.2 11.1	12.0 11.2 11.6	13.4 11.8 12.6	12.1 11.4 11.8
Jersey	Hereford	576	601	662	613	59.0	59.6	60.4	59.7	10.9	11.2	11.8	11.3	11.3	12.4	14.5	12.7
	Angus	585	617	647	617	60.4	60.1	60.3	60.3	11.8	12.3	12.2	12.1	14.2	14.2	15.6	14.7
	Average	580	609	654	6 5	59.7	59.9	60.3	60.0	11.3	11.7	12.0	11.7	12.7	13.3	15.0	13.7
South Devon	Hereford	603	669	715	663	60.5	61.4	61.9	61.3	11.2	11.4	11.9	11.5	10.3	10.4	12.4	11.0
	Angus	642	701	714	686	61.4	62.5	61.9	61.9	11.9	12.3	12.1	12.1	11.8	12.3	13.2	12.4
	Average	623	685	714	674	61.0	61.9	61.9	61.6	11.6	11.8	12.0	11.8	11.0	11.4	12.8	11.7
Limousin	Hereford	611	669	674	652	61.0	61.7	61.3	61.3	10.2	10.4	11.0	10.5	8.1	8.4	9.7	8.7
	Angus	620	685	707	670	61.6	62.3	62.2	62.0	10.8	10.8	11.1	10.9	9.4	9.4	10.3	9.7
	Average	615	677	690	661	61.3	62.0	61.7	61.7	10.5	10.6	11.0	10.7	8.7	8.9	10.0	9.2
Simmental	Hereford	638	696	740	691	59.5	60.3	60.2	60.0	10.8	11.0	10.8	10.9	9.8	9.4	9.6	9.6
	Angus	643	695	746	695	60.7	60.8	61.1	60.9	11.3	11.3	11.6	11.4	10.8	10.3	11.8	11.0
	Average	640	696	743	693	60.1	60.6	60.7	60.4	11.1	11.1	11.2	11.1	10.3	9.8	10.7	10.3
Charolais	Hereford Angus Average	668 672 670	700 710 705	753 768 760	707 717 712	60.9 60.9	60.5 61.9 61.2	61.1 62.1 61.6	60.8 61.7 61.2	10.5 11.4 10.9	10.9 11.9 11.4	11.8 12.1 11.9	11.0 11.8 11.4	8.8 10.7 <b>9.</b> 7	9.3 11.5 10.4	12.2 12.7 12.4	10.1 11.6 10.9
Average	Hereford	613	661	704	659	60.1	60.8	61.1	60.7	10.9	11.1	11.6	11.2	9.8	10.2	11.8	10.6
All Sire	Angus	625	677	709	670	60.9	61.6	61.6	61.4	11.6	11.8	12.0	11.8	11.5	11.7	12.8	12.0
Breeds	Average	619	669	707	665	60.5	61.2	61.4	61.0	11.2	11.5	11.8	11.5	10.7	10.9	12.3	11.3

Data for all traits are adjusted for year and to a mature age of dam basis.

D.S.D.A. Quality Grade: 10=average good, 11=high good, 12=low choice, 13=average choice, etc.

Marbling Score: 9=slight+, 10=small-, ..... 21=slightly abundant+.

TABLE 7. U.S. MEAT ANIMAL RESEARCH CENTER GERM PLASM EVALUATION PROGRAM
LEAST SQUARES MEANS FOR U.S.D.A. YIELD GRADE, RIBEYE AREA, FAT THICKNESS AND PERCENT KIDNEY, PELVIC AND HEART FAT 
CYCLE 1, PHASE I - 1970-71-72 CALF-CROPS

Prood	Breed Breed			U.S.D.A. Yield Grade			Ribeye Area, sq. in.			F		Thick	ness,	in.				Kidney t Fat
of Sire	of Dam	212	247	279	Avg.	212	247	279	Avg.	2	12	247	279	Avg.	212	247	279	Avg.
Hereford Angus	Hereford Angus Average	3.0 3.4 3.2	3.1 3.6 3.4	3.5 3.7 3.6	3.2 3.6 3.4	10.7 10.9 10.8	11.5 11.6 11.5	11.4 11.6 11.5	11.2 11.4 11.3		44 60 52	.58 .69 .63	.60 .77 .68	.53 .68 .61	2.4 3.3 2.8	2.5 3.4 2.9	2.6 3.0 2.8	2.5 3.2 2.9
Angus Hereford	Hereford Angus Average	3.1 3.2 3.2	3.5 3.7 3.6	3.7 3.9 3.8	3.5 3.6 3.5	11.2 11.2 11.2	11.6 11.3 11.4	12.0 11.9 12.0	11.6 11.5 11.5	٠.	53 57 56	.67 .70 .68	.74 .80 .77	.65 .69 .67	3.0 2.8 2.9	3.1 2.9 3.0	2.8 3.0 2.9	2.9 2.9 2.9
Jersey	Hereford Angus Average	3.1 3.4 3.2	3.3 3.5 3.4	3.7 3.8 3.7	3.4 3.5 3.5	10.9 11.0 10.9	10.9 11.1 11.0	11.4 11.3 11.3	11.0 11.1 11.1		30 51 41	.40 .50 .45	.54 .59 .56	.41 .53 .47	4.7 4.6 4.6	4.7 4.8 4.8	4.9 5.0 4.9	4.8 4.8 4.8
South Devon	Hereford Angus . Average	2.9 2.9 2.9	3.2 3.3 3.3	3.7 3.5 3.6	3.3 3.2 3.3	11.7 12.1 11.9	11.8 12.4 12.1	11.7 12.4 12.0	11.7 12.3 12.0		41 45 43	.50 .54 .51	.55 .64 .59	.48 .54 .51	3.6 3.3 3.5	3.4 3.7 3.5	3.5 3.8 3.6	3.5 3.6 3.5
Limousin	Hereford Angus Average	2.2 2.2 2.2	2.4 2.8 2.6	2.8 2.8 2.8	2.4 2.6 2.5	12.5 12.8 12.6	13.3 12.9 13.1		12.8 13.0 12.9		34 37 35	.41 .45 .43	.48 .51 .50	.41 .44 .42	2.5 2.9 2.7	3.0 3.3 3.1	2.9 3.2 3.1	2.8 3.1 3.0
Simmental	Hereford Angus Average	2.3 2.6 2.5	2.6 2.9 2.7	2.8 3.2 3.0	2.6 2.9 2.7	12.3 12.3 12.3	12.5 12.6 12.6	12.8 12.7 12.7	12.5 12.5 12.5		32 40 36	.38 .44 .41	.44 .53 .48	.38 .46 .42	2.8 3.2 3.0	2.8 3.4 3.1	2.8 3.4 3.1	2.8 3.3 3.1
Charolais	Hereford Angus Average	2.4 2.4 2.4	2.4 2.8 2.6	2.7 2.9 2.8	2.5 2.7 2.6	12.5 12.8 12.7	13.0 13.0 13.0	13.1 13.9 13.5	12.9 13.2 13.1		33 36 34	.35 .45 .40	.42 .52 .47	.36 .44 .40	2.8 2.8 2.8	2.7 3.3 3.0	2.8 3.4 3.1	2.8 3.2 3.0
Average All Sire Breeds	Hereford Angus Average	2.7 2.9 2.8	3.0 3.2 3.1	3.3 3.4 3.3	3.0 3.2 3.1	11.7 11.9 11.8	12.1 12.1 12.1	12.2 12.4 12.3	12.0 12.1 12.1		38 47 42	.47 .54 .50	.54 .62 .58	.46 .54 .50	3.1 3.3 3.2	3.2 3.5 3.3	3.2 3.6 3.4	3.2 3.5 3.3

a Data for all traits are adjusted for year and to a mature age of dam basis.

TABLE 8. U.S. MEAT ANIMAL RESEARCH CENTER GERM PLASM EVALUATION PROGRAM LEAST SQUARES MEANS FOR ACTUAL PERCENT CUTABILITY, PERCENT RETAIL PRODUCT, PERCENT FAT TRIM AND PERCENT BONE<sup>a</sup>
CYCLE 1, PHASE I - 1970-71-72 CALF-CROP

Breed	Breed	Actua	1 Cuta	bility	, % <sup>b</sup>	Ret	ail Pr	oduct,	%C		Fat Tr	im, %			Bone	, %	
of Sire	of Dam	212	247	279	Avg.												
Hereford Angus	Hereford Angus Average	54.9 53.6 54.2	54.0 51.4 52.7	52.6 51.4 52.0	58.8 52.1 53.0	68.3 67.5 67.9	66.8 64.9 65.8	64.9 64.0 64.5	66.7 65.5 66.1	18.4 20.3 19.4	20.7 23.8 22.2	23.1 24.9 24.0	20.8 23.0 21.9	13.3 12.2 12.8	12.5 11.3 11.9	11.9 11.1 11.5	12.6 11.6 12.1
Angus Hereford	Hereford Angus Average	53.2 53.2 53.2	52.4 51.4 51.9	51.8 51.1 51.4	52.4 51.9 52.2	66.9 66.7 66.8	65.4 64.2 64.8	64.2 63.4 63.8	65.5 64.8 65.1	20.5 20.9 20.7	22.7 24.1 23.4	24.2 25.6 24.9	22.5 23.5 23.0	12.6 12.4 12.5	11.9 11.6 11.8	11.6 11.0 11.3	12.1 11.7 11.9
Jersey	Hereford	53.6	52.2	51.7	52.5	67.1	65.1	64.0	65.4	19.6	22.2	23.8	21.9	13.2	12.7	12.2	12.7
	Angus	52.1	51.4	51.0	51.5	65.9	64.6	63.6	64.7	22.0	23.5	24.7	23.4	12.1	11.9	11.7	11.9
	Average	52.8	51.8	51.4	52.0	66.5	64.8	63.8	65.1	20.8	22.9	24.2	22.6	12.7	12.3	12.0	12.3
South Devon	Hereford	53.9	53.2	52.1	53.1	67.3	66.6	64.3	66.0	19.6	20.9	23.8	21.5	13.1	12.5	11.9	12.5
	Angus	54.2	52.8	52.1	53.1	68.0	66.3	64.9	66.4	19.5	21.9	23.5	21.6	12.5	11.9	11.6	12.0
	Average	54.0	53.0	52.1	53.1	67.6	66.4	64.6	66.2	19.6	21.4	23.6	21.5	12.8	12.2	11.8	12.3
Limousin	Hereford	58.6	56.3	55.7	56.9	71.8	69.7	68.3	70.0	14.6	17.7	19.3	17.2	13.6	12.6	12.4	12.9
	Angus	57.9	56.0	55.5	56.5	71.5	69.4	68.2	69.7	15.3	18.5	19.8	17.9	13.1	12.1	11.9	12.4
	Average	58.2	56.2	55.6	56.7	71.6	69.6	68.3	69.8	15.0	18.1	19.5	17.5	13.4	12.3	12.2	12.6
Simmental	Hereford	56.7	55.5	55.2	55.8	70.2	68.6	67.9	68.9	15.4	17.8	18.8	17.4	14.3	13.6	13.3	13.7
	Angus	55.4	54.8	54.1	54.8	68.9	68.0	66.9	67.9	17.6	19.1	20.5	19.1	13.4	12.8	12.6	12.9
	Average	56.1	55.2	54.7	55.3	69.6	68.3	67.4	68.4	16.5	18.5	19.7	18.2	13.9	13.2	12.9	13.3
Charola <b>i</b> s	Hereford	57.1	56.7	56.3	56.7	70.8	69.9	68.9	69.9	15.7	16.9	18.1	16.9	13.5	13.2	13.0	13.2
	Angus	56.4	55.3	54.7	55.5	70.0	68.7	67.5	68.7	16.6	18.9	20.5	18.7	13.3	12.4	12.1	12.6
	Average	56.8	56.0	55.5	56.1	70.4	69.3	68.2	69.3	16.2	17.9	19.3	17.8	13.4	12.8	12.5	12.9
Average	Hereford	55.4	54.3	53.6	54.5	68.9	67.4	66.1	67.5	17.7	19.9	21.6	19.7	13.4	12.7	12.3	12.8
All Sire	Angus	54.7	53.3	52.8	53.6	68.4	66.6	65.5	66.8	18.9	21.4	22.8	21.0	12.7	12.0	11.7	12.2
Breeds	Average	55.1	53.8	53.2	54.0	68.6	67.0	65.8	67.1	18.3	20.6	22.2	20.4	13.1	12.4	12.0	12.5

a Data for all traits are adjusted for year and to a mature age of dam basis.
b Actual Cutability, % = Actual yield of boneless, closely trimmed beef from the round, loin, rib and chuck.
c Retail Product, % = Actual yield of boneless, closely trimmed beef from the carcass.

TABLE 9. U.S. MEAT ANIMAL RESEARCH CENTER GERM PLASM EVALUATION PROGRAM LEAST SQUARES MEANS FOR WARNER-BRATZLER SHEAR AND TASTE PANEL EVALUATION OF COOKED STEAKS

CYCLE 1. PHASE I - 1970-71-72 CALF-CROPS Taste Panel Taste Panel Taste Panel Warner-Bratz]er Taste Panel Tenderness Flavor Juiciness<sup>C</sup> Acceptability<sup>C</sup> Shear, 1b. Breed Breed 212 247 279 Avg. 212 247 279 Avg. 212 247 279 Avg. 212 247 279 Avg. 212 247 of Sire of Dam Hereford 6.6 7.2 6.9 7.6 7.3 7.4 7.4 7.5 7.4 7.4 7.4 7.1 6.8 7.0 7.0 7.3 Hereford 7.5 7.1 7.1 7.2 7.0 7.0 7.5 7.2 7.4 7.4 7.7 7.4 7.5 7.1 7.1 7.4 7.3 7.3 Angus Angus 7.3 7.0 7.4 7.4 7.4 7.5 7.0 7.0 7.0 Average 7.5 7.5 7.4 Hereford 6.8 6.8 7.6 7.8 7.4 7.6 7.5 7.5 7.4 7.2 6.9 7:1 7.4 Angus 7.3 7.3 7.4 6.8 7.3 7.1 7.2 7.2 7.3 7.4 7.6 7.3 7.3 7.7 7.1 7.5 7.3 7.1 7.4 Hereford Angus 7.4 7.5 7.5 7.0 7.1 7.3 Average 7.0 7.1 7.5 7.5 7.5 7.4 6.8 7.6 7.6 7.6 7.3 Hereford 7.0 6.7 6.7 7.4 7.7 7.8 7.7 7.6 7.5 Jersey 7.6 7.8 7.6 6.1 6.6 6.5 7.4 7.6 7.6 7.5 7.6 7.4 7.3 7.4 7.4 7.4 7.5 7.4 7.4 Angus 7.2 7.5 Average 6.6 6.6 7.5 7.8 7.6 7.6 7.6 7.5 7.6 7.6 7.4 7.5 7.3 7.4 6.8 6.4 South Devon Hereford 6.8 6.8 6.8 6.8 7.6 7.5 7.6 7.2 7.4 7.0 7.7 7.5 7.4 7.6 7.5 7.5 7.3 7.4 6.5 6.2 6.4 7.8 Angus 6.6 6.5 7.7 7.5 7.5 7.5 7.4 7.5 7.1 7.2 7.2 7.4 7.4 7.5 7.6 Average 6.6 7.5 7.4 7.6 6.8 7.2 7.3 6.8 Limousin 6.9 6.9 7.4 7.1 7.2 7.5 7.1 7.3 7.5 7.4 7.5 7.5 7.1 7.0 Angus 7,2 7.5 6.9 7.2 7.5 7.4 6.9 7.0 7.0 7.3 6.9 7.5 7.4 7.0 6.6 7.0 6.7 6.9 6.9 6.8 Simmental Hereford 7.5 7.3 7.3 7.6 7.6 7.4 7.6 7.2 7.4 7.1 7.2 7:4 7.4 7.0 7.3 Angus 7.3 7.4 7.5 7.0 Average 7.0 6.8 7.0 7.6 7.0 7.1 7.2 7.3 7.4 7.6 7.5 6.9 7.3 7.1 7.2 Charolais Hereford 7.6 7.2 6.9 7.1 7.1 7.4 7.3 7.5 7.4 6.6 7.0 6.8 7.7 7.4 7.6 7.6 7.5 7.5 7.7 6.9 7.2 7.1 7.3 7.3 7.5 7.3 7.5 7.4 7.5 7.5 7.5 7.1 7.0 7.0 7.1 7.5 7.5 7.2 6.9 Average 7.1 7.3 7.3 7.3 7.2 7.1 7.5 7.5 7.4 7.3 7.6 7.4 7.4 7.5 7.4 7.6 7.1 7.1 All Sire 7.0 7.0

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Breeds

7.5 7.3 7.3 7.4

7.5 7.5 7.5 7.5

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7.1

7.3 7.3 7.3 7.3

a Data for all carcass traits are adjusted for year and to a mature age of dam basis.

A measure of the pounds of force required to shear one-half inch cores of steaks cooked at 350°F to 150°F internal temperature and cooled for 30 minutes at room temperature. Warner-Bratzler shear was obtained on steaks from all 1123 steers.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>C</sup> Taste panel scores are based on a 9-point hedonic scale, with higher scores indicating greater acceptability. Taste panel traits were measured on steaks from 4 steers per sire-dam breed group per slaughter date per year (72 per sire breed group for the three years).

TABLE 10. U.S. MEAT ANIMAL RESEARCH CENTER GERM PLASM EVALUATION PROGRAM LEAST SQUARES MEANS FOR POSTWEANING GROWTH, PUBERTY AND CONCEPTION OF HEIFERS CYCLE 1, PHASE I - 1970-71-72 CALF-CROPS

			200-Day	Adj.	Adj.		Adjus	sted <sup>d</sup>	
Breed of Sire	Breed of Dam	No. Heifers	Postwn. ADG, 1b.	400-Day Wt., 1b. a	550-Day Wt., 1b.b	Reaching Puberty, % <sup>C</sup>	Deck andre	Puberty Wt., 1b.	Percent Pregnant
Hereford	Hereford	65	0.99	591	677	78.1	420	618	80.5
Angus	Angus	64	1.10	629	694	99.4	367	567	84.7
	Average	129	1.04	610	686	88.8	394	593	82.6
Angus	Hereford	68	1.18	627	712	94.4	383	580	86.8
Hereford	Angus	65	1.14	652	730	97.6	370	595	87.9
	Average	133	1.16	640	721	96.0	377	588	87.4
Jersey	Hereford	61	1.02	584	664	100.0	335	499	92.6
	Angus	56	0.96	578	656	99.3	321	474	83.7
	Average	117	0.99	581	660	99.7	328	487	88.2
South Devon	Hereford	63	1.22	653	743	91.2	379	615	85.4
	Angus	57	1.21	669	738	98.1	350	589	82.3
	Average	120	1.21	661	740	94.7	365	602	83.9
Limousin	Hereford	83	1.13	625	712	73.2	421	664	71.8
	Angus	78	1.12	656	728	98.7	377	623	91.1
739	Average	161	1.12	641	720	86.0	399	644	81.5
Simmental	Hereford	90	1.19	684	780	89.7	381	658	82.3
	Angus	67	1.21	692	771	100.0	356	616	86.7
	Average	157	1.20	688	776	94.9	369	637	84.5
Charolais	Hereford	79	1.16	673	773	92.8	407	676	81.4
	Angus	54	1.20	697	785	95.4	391	670	79.8
	Average	133	1.18	685	779	94.1	399	673	80.6
Average	Hereford	509	1.13	634	723	88.5	389	616	83.0
All Sire	Angus	441	1.13	653	729	98.4	362	591	85.2
Breeds	Average	950	1.13	644	726	93.5	376	603	84.1

a Adjusted 400-day wt. = 200-day wt. + (200-day postweaning ADG x 200 days), adjusted for year and birth date.

Adjusted 550-day wt. = 200-day wt. + (350-day postweaning ADG x 350 days), adjusted for year and birth date.

C Estrus was determined from weaning to an average of approximately 15 months of age (end of AI) for the 1970 calf-crop

d and to an average of approximately 16 months of age (end of AI plus cleanup) for the 1971-72 calf-crops.

Adjusted to comparable values if puberty had been detected in 100% of the heifers in all breed groups.

The breeding period was 45 to 46 days by AI and 21 to 24 days by natural service.

TABLE 11. U.S. MEAT ANIMAL RESEARCH CENTER GERM PLASM EVALUATION PROGRAM BIRTH WEIGHT AND CALVING DIFFICULTY OF THE 2-YEAR-OLD COWS CYCLE 1, PHASE II COWS BORN IN 1970-71

Cow					Type of Par	turition, %		Dead at
Breed of Sire	Breed of Dam	No. Calves	Calf Birth Wt., lb.	No Difficulty <sup>b</sup>	Calf Puller	C-Section	Abnormal Presentation	or Shortly After Birth (No.)
Hereford Angus	Hereford Angus	31 36	61.7 62.6	48.4 67.6	38.7 18.9	3.2 0.0	9.7 13.5	4
	Average	68	62.2	58.0	28.8	1.6	. 11.6	4
Angus	Hereford	41	69.8	46.3	41.5	7.3	4.9	3
Hereford	Angus	45	66.6	57.8	33.3	6.7	2.2	3
	Average <sup>C</sup>	86	68.2	52.1	37.4	7.0	3.6	6
Jersey	Hereford	49	64.9	81.6	14.3	0.0	4.1	2
	Angus	30	61.6	73.3	20.0	0.0	6.7	2 2
	Average <sup>C</sup>	79	63.3	77.5	17.2	0.0	5.4	4
South Devon	Hereford	31	73.7	38.7	48.4	6.5	6.5	0
	Angus	35	72.7	42.9	48.6	5.7	2.9	5
	Average <sup>C</sup>	66	73.2	40.8	48.5	6.1	4.7	5
Limousin	Hereford	30	66.6	63.3	30.0	0.0	6.7	2
	Angus Average <sup>C</sup>	48 78	71.1	54.2	39.6	2.1	4.2	2
	Average	/8	68.9	58.8	34.8	1.1	5.5	6
Simmental	Hereford	49	72.2	46.9	40.8	8.2	4.1	2 3
	Angus Average <sup>c</sup>	41 90	74.0 73.1	43.9	39.0	9.8	7.3	3
	Average	90	73.1	45.4	39.9	9.0	5.7	5
Charolais	Hereford	41	73.7	52.4	33.3	7.1	7.1	1
	Angus Average	22 64	73.6 73.7	63.6 58.0	27.3	0.0	9.1	1
		04	/3./	58.0	30.3	3.6	8.1	2
Average	Hereford <sup>C</sup>	272	68.9	53.9	35.3	4.6	6.2	14
All Sire Br <b>e</b> eds	Angus <sup>c</sup> Average	257 529	68.9 68.9	57.6 55.8	32.4 33.8	3.5 4.0	6.6	18 32

a Calves from these cows were sired by Hereford, Angus, Devon, Holstein and Brahman bulls (Appendix table 3).
No assistance or minor hand assistance.
Unweighted means.

TABLE 12. U.S. MEAT ANIMAL RESEARCH CENTER GERM PLASM EVALUATION PROGRAM CALVING AND REBREEDING OF THE 2-YEAR-OLD COWSa CYCLE 1, PHASE II COWS BORN IN 1970-71

Cow		No.	Avg.		Postpartum		Cow Wt.
Breed	Breed	Calving as	Calving	Bred	Interval,	Percent	at 2½ Yrs.
of Sire	of Dam	2-Year-Olds	Date	AI, %	Days <sup>C</sup>	Pregnant <sup>b</sup>	of Age, 1b.
Hereford	Hereford	31	April 1	67.7	83	87.1	845
Angus	Angus	36	March 26	88.9	79	86.1	889
	Average <sup>d</sup>	67	March 29	78.3	81	86.6	867
Angus	Hereford	41	March 22	85.0	82	89:7	849
Hereford	Angus	45	March 25	90.9	90	86.4	908
	Average <sup>d</sup>	86	March 24	88.0	86	88.1	879
Jersey	Hereford	49	March 22	91.5	78	97.9	799
	Angus	30	March 21	100.0	78	90.0	774
	Averaged	79	March 22	95.8	78	94.0	786
South Devon	Hereford	31	April 3	71.0	77	74.2	906
	Angus	35	March 25	85.7	83	85.7	925
	Average <sup>d</sup>	66	March 30	78.4	80	80.0	916
Limousin	Hereford	30	April 13	63.3	71	83.3	912
	Angus	48	March 28	81.3	80	75.0	910
	Average <sup>d</sup>	78	April 5	72.3	76	79.2	911
Simmental	Hereford	49	March 24	81.6	85	77.6	949
*	Angus	41	March 25	87.8	87	78.0	929
	Average <sup>d</sup>	90	March 25	84.7	86	77.8	939
Charolais	Hereford	41	March 29	80.5	85	77.5	982
	Angus	22	March 25	77.3	94	72.7	1022
	Average <sup>d</sup>	63	March 27	78.9	90	75.1	1002
Average	Hereford <sup>d</sup>	272	March 30	77.2	80	83.9	892
All Sire	Angus	257	March 25	87.4	84	82.0	908
Breeds	Averaged	529	March 28	82.3	82	83.0	900

a Includes only cows that calved as 2-year-olds.
b The breeding period was 45 days by AI and 22 days by natural service. Percent pregnant = no. palpated as pregnant ÷ no. palpated.

C Interval from calving to first estrus.

d Unweighted mean.

TABLE 13. U.S. MEAT ANIMAL RESEARCH CENTER GERM PLASM EVALUATION PROGRAM BIRTH WEIGHT AND CALVING DIFFICULTY OF THE 3-YEAR-OLD COWS CYCLE 1, PHASE II COWS BORN IN 1970

Cow					Type of Par	turition, %		Dead at
Breed of Sire	Breed of Dam	No. Calves	Calf Birth Wt., lb.	No Difficulty <sup>b</sup>	Calf Puller	C-Section	Abnormal Presentation	or Shortly After Birth (No.)
Hereford	Hereford	22	70.4	86.4	9.1	4.5	0.0	1
Angus	Angus Average <sup>C</sup>	19 41	70.8 70.6	78.9 82.7	10.5 9.8	0.0 2.3	10.5	2
Angus	Hereford	19	80.5	73.7	15.8	5.3	5.3	1
Hereford	Angus	21	81.9	61.9	23.8	4.8	9.5	2 3
	Average	40	81.2	67.8	19.8	5.1	7.4	3
Jersey	Hereford	26	70.5	88.5	3.8	0.0	7.7	2
	Angus	13	71.8	69.2	30.8	0.0	0.0	2 0 2
	Average <sup>C</sup>	39	71.2	78.9	17.3	0.0	3.9	2
South Devon	Hereford	13	84.9	53.8	30.8	0.0	15.4	0
	Angus	15	84.9	73.3	13.3	6.7	6.7	1
	Average <sup>C</sup>	28	84.9	63.6	22.1	3.4	11.1	1
Limousin	Hereford	26	82.3	73.1	26.9	0.0	0.0	1
	Angus	19	82.0	73.7	26.3	0.0	0.0	0
	Average <sup>C</sup>	45	82.2	73.4	26.6	0.0	0.0	1
Simmental	Hereford	21	87.9	66.7	19.0	9.5	4.8	0
	Angus	17	81.5	76.5	17.6	0.0	5.9	1
	Average <sup>C</sup>	38	84.7	71.6	18.3	4.8	5.4	1
Charolais	Hereford	31	85.7	67.7	25.8	3.2	3.2	1
	Angus	12	88.7	66.7	25.0	0.0	8.3	1
	Average	43	87.2	67.2	25.4	1.6	5.8	2
Average	Hereford <sup>C</sup>	158	80.3	72.8	18.7	3.2	5.2	6
All Sire	Angus	116	80.2	71.5	21.0	1.6	5.8	6
Breeds	Average <sup>C</sup>	274	80.3	72.2	19.9	2.4	5.5	12

Calves from these cows were sired by Hereford, Angus, Gelbvieh, Maine Anjou and Chianina bulls (Appendix table 3).

No assistance or minor hand assistance.

Unweighted means.

TABLE 14. U.S. MEAT ANIMAL RESEARCH CENTER GERM PLASM EVALUATION PROGRAM CALVING AND REBREEDING OF THE 3-YEAR-OLD COWSª CYCLE 1, PHASE II COWS BORN IN 1970

	Cow		Avg.	Postpartum		Cow Wt.
Breed	Breed	Calving as	Calving	Interval,	Percent	at 3½ Yrs.
 of Sire	of Dam	3-Year-Olds	Date	Daysb	Pregnant <sup>C</sup>	of Age, 1b.
Hereford	Hereford	22	April 2	67	95.5	942
Angus	Angus	19	April 10	58	84.2	910
	Average	41	April 6	63	89.9	926
Angus	Hereford	19	March 25	65	89.5	939
Hereford	Angus	21	April 8	62	95.2	1021
	Average	40	April 1	64	92.4	980
Jersey	Hereford	26	March 26	68	100.0	847
	Angus	13	March 21	76	84.6	792
	Average	39	March 24	72	92.3	820
South Devon	Hereford	13	April 1	67	83.3	1034
	Angus	15	April 13	50	86.7	1010
	Average	28	April 7	59	85.0	1022
Limousin	Hereford	26	April 11	63	95.7	1020
	Angus	19	March 27	63	100.0	1022
	Average	45	April 4	63	97.9	1021
Simmental	Hereford	21	April 9	67	90.5	1041
	Angus	17	March 31	63	94.1	-1034
	Average	38	April 5	65	92.3	1038
Charolais	Hereford	31	April 10	58	96.7	1086
	Angus	12	April 2	76	90.9	1120
	Average	43	April 6	67	93.8	1103
Average	Hereford <sup>d</sup> Angus <sup>d</sup>	158	April 3	65	93.0	987
All Sire	Angus d	116	April 3	64	90.8	987
Breeds	Averaged	274	April 3	65	91.9	987

a Includes only cows that calved as 3-year-olds.
b Interval from calving to first estrus.
c Breeding period was 64 days by natural service to Brown Swiss bulls. Percent pregnant = no. palpated as pregnant ÷ no. palpated.
d Unweighted means.

TABLE 15. U.S. MEAT ANIMAL RESEARCH CENTER GERM PLASM EVALUATION PROGRAM CALVING DIFFICULTY IN 4-5-6-7-8-YEAR-OLD COWS CYCLE 2, PHASE I - 1973 CALF-CROP

				Dead at			
Breed	Breed	No.	No Calving	Calf-	C-Section	Abnornal	or Shortly
of Sire	of Dam	Calves	Difficulty <sup>a</sup>	Puller		Presentation	After Birth,
Hereford Angus	Hereford Angus Average	39 57 96	97.4 96.5 97.0	0.0 1.8 0.9	0.0 0.0 0.0	2.6 1.8 2.2	0.0 0.0 0.0
Angus Hereford	Hereford Angus Average	45 52 97	93.3 90.4 91.9	0.0 1.9 1.0	0.0 0.0 0.0	6.7 7.7 7.2	0.0 5.8 2.9
Red Poll	Hereford	43	93.0	4.7	0.0	2.3	0.0
	Angus	50	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
	Average <sup>b</sup>	93	96.5	2.4	0.0	1.2	1.0
Brown Swiss	Hereford	48	87.5	8.3	0.0	4.2	0.0
	Angus	50	94.0	6.0	0.0	2.0	2.0
	Average	98	90.8	7.2	0.0	3.1	1.0
Ge1bvieh	Hereford	50	90.0	8.0	0.0	2.0	8.0
	Angus	59	86.4	11.9	0.0	1.7	1.7
	Average <sup>b</sup>	109	88.2	10.0	0.0	1.9	4.9
Maine Anjou	Hereford	43	79.1	16.3	0.0	4.7	4.7
	Angus	53	77.4	18.9	0.0	3.8	11.3
	Average	96	78.3	17.6	0.0	4.3	8.0
Chianina	Hereford	45	82.2	11.1	0.0	6.7	11.1
	Angus	46	89.1	8.7	0.0	2.2	2.2
	Average	91	85.7	9.9	0.0	4.5	6.7
Average	Hereford <sup>b</sup>	313	88.9	6.9	0.0	4.2	3.4
All Sire	Angus <sup>b</sup>	367	90.5	7.0	0.0	2.7	3.6
Breeds	Average	680	89.7	7.0	0.0	3.5	3.5

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm a}$  No assistance or minor hand assistance. b Unweighted means.

TABLE 16. U.S. MEAT ANIMAL RESEARCH CENTER GERM PLASM EVALUATION PROGRAM CALVING DIFFICULTY IN 4-5-6-7-8-YEAR-OLD COWS CYCLE 2, PHASE I - 1973 CALF-CROP

				Type of Par	turition, %		Dead at or Shortly After Birth,
Breed of Sire	Breed of Dam	No. Calves <sup>a</sup>	No Calving Difficulty <sup>b</sup>	Calf- Puller	C-Section	Abnormal Presentation	
Hereford	Hereford	39	97.4	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.0
	Angus	52	90.4	1.9	0.0	7:7	5.8
	Red Poll	24	75.0	16.7	4.2	4.2	0.0
	Brown Swiss	16	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.3
	Average <sup>C</sup>	131	90.7	4.7	1.1	3.6	3.0
Angus	Hereford	45	93.3	0.0	0.0	6.7	0.0
3	Angus	57	96.5	1.8	0.0	1.8	0.0
	Red Poll	25	96.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Brown Swiss	19	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Average <sup>C</sup>	146	96.5	1.5	0.0	2.1	0.0
Red Poll	Hereford	43	93.0	4.7	0.0	2.3	0.0
	Angus	50	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
	Red Poll	24	95.8	0.0	4.2	0.0	4.2
	· Brown Swiss	12	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Average <sup>C</sup>	129	97.2	1.2	1.1	0.6	1.6
Brown Swiss	Hereford	48	87.5	8.3	0.0	4.2	0.0
	Angus	50	94.0	6.0	0.0	2.0	2.0
	Red Poll	25	64.0	28.0	4.0	4.0	8.0
	Brown Swiss	22	95.5	0.0	0.0	4.5	6.7
	Average <sup>C</sup>	145	85.3	10.6	1.0	3.7	4.2
Average	Hereford <sup>C</sup>	175	92.8	3.3	0.0	4.0	0.0
All Sire		209	95.2	2.4	0.0	2.9	2.5
Breeds	Red Poll	98	82.7	12.2	3.1	2.1	3.1
	Brown Swiss	69	98.9	0.0	0.0	1.1	3.3
	Average <sup>C</sup>	551	92.4	4.5	0.8	2.5	2.2

a Calves from Hereford and Angus dams are also included in table 15.
b No assistance or minor hand assistance.
c Unweighted means.

TABLE 17. U.S. MEAT ANIMAL RESEARCH CENTER GERM PLASM EVALUATION PROGRAM LEAST SQUARES MEANS OF PREWEANING TRAITS - 1973 CALF-CROP

CYCLE 2, PHASE I Adjusted 200-Preweaning 200-Day Breed Birth Birth Breed No. <u>Calves</u> a Wt., 1b.b Day Wt., 1b.b ADG, 1b.b Wt. Ratioc of Sire of Dam Date 94.9 406 84.2 1.61 35 April 2 Hereford Hereford 1.79 433 101.2 51 Angus Angus March 27 75.1 420 98.1 86 March 30 79.7 1.70 Average 97.0 44 April 1 80.5 1.67 415. Hereford Angus 1.79 103.0 48 March 27 441 82.7 Hereford Angus 100.0 92 1.73 428 Average March 29 81.6 97.9 Red Poll 84.9 1.67 419 Hereford 41 April 2 79.1 1.81 441 103.0 47 March 29 Angus 100.5 82.0 1.74 430 Average March 31 88 102.1 1.74 89.5 437 Brown Swiss Hereford 48 April 4 87.4 1.90 467 109.1 Angus 47 March 29 105.6 88.5 1.82 452 95 April 1 Average 104.2 446 Gelbvieh 43 April 5 89.9 1.78 Hereford 110.5 52 85.9 1.94 473 March 28 Angus 107.5 April 1 1.86 460 87.9 Average 95 102.3 37 April 2 95.0 1.71 438 Maine Anjou Hereford 1.89 469 109.6 March 31 91.2 Angus 43 April 1 93.1 1.80 454 106.1 80 Average 105.8 453 38 April 7 95.5 1.79 Hereford Chianina 114.0 91.1 1.95 488 42 March 31 Angus April 4 93.3 1.87 471 110.0 Average 80 100.7 431 286 April 3 88.5 1.71 Average Hereford 107.2 1.87 March 29 84.6 459 All Sire 330 Angus 104.0 1.79 445 April 1 86.6 616 Breeds Average

b Adjusted for birth date and to a steer and mature age-of-dam basis.

a Includes all steer and heifer calves that were weaned.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>C</sup> Ratio computed relative to average of 428 lb. for Angus-Hereford and Hereford-Angus crossbred controls.

TABLE 18. U.S. MEAT ANIMAL RESEARCH CENTER GERM PLASM EVALUATION PROGRAM LEAST SQUARES MEANS OF PREWEANING TRAITS - 1973 CALF-CROP

CYCLE 2, PHASE I Birth Breed Breed Birth Preweaning Adjusted 200-200-Day No. Wt., 1b.b Calvesa of Sire ADG, 1b.b Day Wt., 1b.b Wt. Ratio<sup>C</sup> of Dam Date Hereford 35 84.2 Hereford April 2 1.61 406 86.8 48 March 27 82.7 1.79 441 Angus 94.2 Red Poll 23 March 28 89.3 1.82 453 96.8 2.26 Brown Swiss 15 April 1 103.0 555 118.6 121 March 30 89.8 1.87 464 Average 99.1 44 Angus Hereford April 1 80.5 1.67 415 88.7 Angus 51 March 27 75.1 1.79 433 92.5 Red Poll 24 March 24 84.0 1.94 471 100.6 18 90.2 2.24 538 115.0 Brown Swiss March 30 137 82.5 March 28 1.91 Average 464 99.1 41 Red Poll Hereford April 2 84.9 1.67 419 89.5 Angus 47 March 29 79.1 1.81 441 94.2 Red Poll 23 March 29 88.3 1.81 451 96.4 94.5 2.24 Brown Swiss 11 March 27 542 115.8 122 1.88 March 30 86.7 463 98.9 Average Brown Swiss 48 April 4 89.5 1.74 437 Hereford 93.4 47 March 29 87.4 1.90 467 99.8 Angus Red Poll 23 April 1 95.6 2.01 497 106.2 2.14 Brown Swiss 19 April 13 99.5 527 112.6 482 Average 137 April 4 93.0 1.95 103.0 Hereford 168 April 2 84.8 1.68 419 89.5 Average 446 All Sire Angus 193 March 28 81.1 1.82 95.3 1.89 Red Poll 93 March 28 89.3 468 100.0 Breeds Brown Swiss April 2 2.22 541 115.6 63 96.8 March 31 468 Average 517 88.0 1.90 100.0

<sup>C</sup> Ratio computed relative to overall average of 468 lb.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Includes all steer and heifer calves that were weaned. Calves from Hereford and Angus dams are also included in table 17.

b Adjusted for birth date and to a steer and mature age-of-dam basis.

### APPENDIX

TABLE 1. MATING PLANS - CYCLE 1, PHASE I GPE

1969, 1970, 1971 Breeding Seasons

		Sire Breeds									
Dam Breeds <sup>a</sup>	Here- ford	Angus	Jersey	South Devon	Limou- sin	Sim- mental	Charo- lais				
Hereford	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ				
Angus	Χ	X	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> The cows were 1, 2, 3 and 4-year-olds in 1969; 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5-year-olds in 1970; and 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6-year-olds in 1971.

TABLE 2. MATING PLANS - CYCLE 2, PHASE I GPE

1972 and 1973 Breeding Seasons

		Sire Breeds								
Dam Breeds <sup>a</sup>	Here- ford <sup>b</sup>	Angus <sup>b</sup>	Red Poll	Brown Swiss	Gelb- vieh	Maine Anjou	Chia- nina			
Hereford	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	X	Χ			
Angus	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ			
Red Poll	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ						
Brown Swiss	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ						

Cows used for GPE Cycle 1, Phase I, 1969, 1970 and 1971 breeding seasons. Sample of same Hereford and Angus sires used in Cycle 1, Phase I, 1969, 1970 and 1971 breeding seasons.

TABLE 3. MATING PLANS - CYCLE 1, PHASE II

						Sire Breed	S				3rd and 4th	
		First Calf-Crop <sup>b</sup>					Second Calf-Crop <sup>C</sup>					
Breed Group <sup>a</sup>	Here- ford <sup>e</sup>	Anguse	Brah- man	Devon	Hol- stein	Here- ford <sup>e</sup>	Angus <sup>e</sup>	Gelb- vieh	Maine Anjou	`Chia- nina	Brown Swiss	
H x H A x A	Х	X				Х	X				X	
A x H H x A			X	X	X			X	X	X	X	
J x H J x A	Х	Χ	X	X	X	Х	Χ	X	X	X	X	
SD x H SD x A	Χ	Χ	X	X	X	Х	Χ	X	X	X	X	
L x H L x A	Х	Х	X	X	X	Х	Χ	X	X	X X	X	
S x H S x A	Х	Χ	X	X	X	X	Χ	X	X	X	X	
C x H C x A	X	Χ	X X	X	X X	Х	X	X X	X X	X X	X	

Females of each breed group distributed equally among cells marked "X" for each calf-crop.

Each group of heifers bred as yearlings to produce one calf-crop as 2-year-olds by these breeds.

Each group of cows bred as 2-year-olds to produce one calf-crop as 3-year-olds by these breeds.

Each group of cows bred to produce at least two calf-crops by this breed.

Each group of same sires used in Cycle 1, Phase I, 1969-70-71 breeding seasons.